

Part 414. Aquatic Invasive Species Advisory Council Overview of tasks and timeline

Section 324.41403 (i) “This state can effectively address the threat posed by AIS by updating and implementing a comprehensive AIS management plan, developing and adopting model programs to address AIS, and working cooperatively with other Great Lakes states and provinces to ensure a coordinated and consistent response to AIS.”

Note: For the following sections, in general, AIS Advisory council recommendations are advisory in nature and should be suitable for coordinating with other Great Lakes states and provinces. Recommendations and reports are provided to the Governor, the senate majority leader, and the speaker of the house as well as relevant legislative committees. This wording is slightly different in each section.

Section 324.41407 Final update to plan; recommendations; report

- Provide recommendations to the DEQ on a final update to the Michigan Aquatic Invasive Species State Management Plan.

Timeline: within 180 days of effective date of statute (June 21, 2012) or within 60 days of issuance of a draft report (May 23, 2012), whichever is later.

- Submit a report with recommendations on the funding necessary to implement the AIS SMP and the method of providing that funding.

Timeline: within 60 days of the issuance of the final report.

Section 324.41409 Prevention of introduction and spread of AIS through trade; report; recommendations

- Submit a report with recommendations for legislation or rules to prevent AIS introduction and spread of AIS through trade. The council shall make recommendations on:
 - The definition of AIS
 - Risk assessment processes to classify species as prohibited, permitted, and restricted
 - Harmonizing federal and state law
 - Establishing a disease/contamination free program
 - An education program for safe usage practices for buyers and sellers
 - Connecting regulations and education on organisms in trade to Pure Michigan campaign
 - Financial and other resources for implementing recommendations in this section
 - Proposals for regional collaboration

Timeline: within 240 days of the effective date of statute (August 21, 2012)

Section 324.41411 Draft next vessel general permit; development of recommendations by council

- Council shall develop recommendations regarding the state's comments on the draft next vessel general permit and CWA Section 401 certification.